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# THE FIRST 100 DAYS UNDER FCC CHAIRMAN AJIT PAI: BRINGING THE BENEFITS OF THE DIGITAL AGE TO ALL AMERICANS

## Closing the Digital Divide

- Adopted new Mobility Fund Phase II rules providing up to \$4.53 billion in universal service support over ten years to bring 4G LTE to millions of unserved Americans.
- Set key rules for a Connect America Fund competitive "reverse auction" that will provide nearly \$2 billion for rural broadband deployment over the next decade.
- Partnered with the State of New York to deliver up to \$170 million for broadband deployment in unserved rural areas.
- Created the Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee—a panel of 29 experts to make recommendations on how to promote the deployment of better, faster, and cheaper broadband.
- Launched a proceeding to lower the cost and speed the deployment of wired broadband infrastructure and to facilitate the transition to next-generation networks.
- Launched a proceeding to boost wireless broadband by easing regulatory burdens on installing wireless infrastructure.
- Eliminated an overbuild requirement in order to allow Charter to build out to one million more locations currently without high-speed Internet access.

#### Modernizing Rules and Eliminating Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens

- Modernized regulatory framework for business data services in order to promote facilities-based competition and new investment.
- Adopted rules streamlining extraneous and outdated accounting requirements.
- Modernized our interpretation of our equal employment opportunity rules to account for the way that people actually look for jobs today.
- Relaxed third-party fundraising restrictions to permit many noncommercial television and radio stations to air limited fundraisers for the benefit of other non-profit organizations.
- Eased reporting burden for volunteer board members of noncommercial broadcast stations.
- Eliminated public correspondence file requirement for broadcasters.
- Eliminated requirement that cable operators maintain and allow public inspection of the location of a cable system's principal headend.

- Gave AM broadcasters greater flexibility in locating their FM fill-in translators.
- Proposed to eliminate the annual international Traffic and Revenue Reports, which the FCC hasn't used for years.
- Proposed to streamline the international Circuit Capacity Reports.
- Adopted new rules enabling 4G LTE broadband services in the 800 MHz Cellular Band.
- Provided regulatory relief to small Internet service providers by exempting them from costly and overly burdensome reporting requirements imposed in the *Title II Order*.

#### Promoting Entrepreneurship and Innovation

- Adopted proposal to allow broadcasters to voluntarily use the Next-Generation Television standard, also known as ATSC 3.0.
- Authorized the first LTE-U (LTE for unlicensed) devices in the 5 GHz band.
- Instituted process to rule on applications for new technologies and services within one year, consistent with Section 7 of the Communications Act.
- Launched new experimental licensing website for program licenses for research centers and universities.
- Ended the wide-ranging investigation into wireless companies' popular, consumer-friendly freedata programs.

## Protecting Consumers and Promoting Public Safety

- Advanced proposal to help consumers avoid unwanted robocalls, to prevent spoofing scams, and to confront fraudsters calling from overseas.
- Adopted new rules to make it easier to combat contraband cellphones in prisons and sought public input on new technological solutions to address the problem.
- Swiftly issued a waiver allowing threatened Jewish Community Centers to work with carriers and law enforcement to identify callers.
- Adopted new rules to improve the quality and efficiency of video relay services used by individuals who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, and speech disabled, including a "skills-based routing" trial.
- Commenced investigation into March 8, 2017 AT&T 911 Outage and issued a preliminary report.
- Proposed a fine of over \$400,000 on a New York City resident for apparently operating a radio transmitter on frequencies that the Commission has licensed to the New York City Police Department.
- Levied a \$1 million fine against a Florida-based long distance carrier for impersonating representatives of customers' existing long-distance providers and illegally switching the customers' long-distance carriers.

#### Increasing Agency Transparency and Reforming Agency Process

• Made public the text of proposals and orders to be voted upon at the Commission's monthly meetings three weeks in advance of the Commission's vote.

• Formed working group to establish an Office of Economics and Data, which will more systematically incorporate economics and data analysis into the Commission's policy work.

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